

ground. The first night he camped on the forks of a river, near the present site of Scranton. He caught fish for supper, and shot a young deer, which he dressed and hung in a tree to carry home on his return journey. In the morning he continued on his way to Wilkes-Barre and got the grist ground, returning to the same camp site at night. In the morning he picked up the venison and continued his journey home. It was a three-day trip.

In 1819, John Griswold had the homestead at Curtis Valley built for his son, Francis, by Levi Bennett. It was used as a tavern for many years, and was known as the "Cold Water Tavern" from the cold spring water, piped to the building in hand made pump logs. Drovers found shelter for themselves and their cattle for overnight rest.

Francis Griswold married Jane Loomis, to whom eight children were born: Lewis, Laura, Oliver, Helen, Louisa, Nathan, Alvin and Homer.